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REMARKS

Entry of the proposed amendments and favorable reconsideration of the present application as currently constituted are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6 and 11 are amended as proposed above. Claims 4, 5 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice or limitation. Claims 1 and 11 are in independent form. No new matter is introduced.

It is believed that the proposed amendments do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search by the Patent Office. Nor do they raise the issue of new matter. Furthermore, no additional claims have been presented without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

Regarding the Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication in the outstanding Office Action that claims 5-10 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the corresponding base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended base claim 1 to include the

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allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5 and the intervening dependent claim 4. Likewise, base claim 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 14. In view of the proposed response, it is believed that the entire set of active claims, claims 1-3, 6-13 and 15-20, are believed to be allowable in their current form.

Regarding the Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Based on the proposed response, the pending claim rejections in the outstanding Office Action have been rendered moot.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a favorable action in the form of an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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